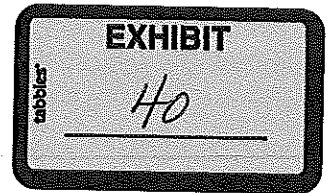


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Mr. Paul Stacey, Hearing Officer

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Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Mr. Stacey:

I write in support of the stream flow regulations that you will be presenting to the public tomorrow. As a director of the Steep Rock Land Trust in Washington and former chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality, I experienced firsthand the economic and environmental waste associated with river-by-river fights over water.

Governor Rell came to our town in September, along with city leaders from Waterbury, to celebrate the beginning of new flows into the Shepaug River. She expressed the hope that the settlement of the long water dispute between our town and Waterbury would set the state on a better path. She spoke directly of the value of the regulations you are presenting today.

I regret that I cannot be there in person this morning. I am still recovering from a fall. However, I could come to Hartford later this month if there is more that I can do to help pass these extremely important regulations.

Many thanks to the DEP for taking up this burden and moving forward. All the people of the state will benefit from protection of rivers with good science and good management.

Sincerely,


John Millington